# *Snooping Gear Reported Sent As Foreign Aid*

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CHICAGO, March 18 (AP) Sen. Edward V. Long (D.-Mo.) said today that wiretapping and eavesdropping equipment had been given to foreign governments under the U.S. Foreign Aid Program.

He also told the Executives Club that Federal personnel trained recipients in the operation of the equipment.

Long said sales records of a major manufacturer of such devices showed that "many of the largest sales were to the Federal Government's foreign aid agency, officially known as the Agency for International Development."

"The gear was being shipped free," he added, "to a number of foreign governments all over the world."

But he said that, after such shipments had been called to the attention of the AID Administrator, purchases were ordered halted Feb. 11.